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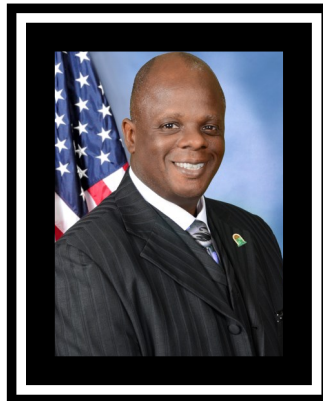
Seat Pleasant News

"A Smart City of Excellence"

2017 MARYLAND MUNICIPAL LEAGUE CONFERENCE HALL OF FAME



Kelly Porter
At-Large Councilmember



Reveral L. Yeargin
Council President
Ward III

Congratulations to the 2017 MML Hall of Fame Inductees. This Hall of Fame honors current and former municipal officials that have served 20 years or more as a municipal elected official. This year's class was inducted during the Inaugural Dinner on Tuesday, June 27, 7:00 - 9:00 p.m. Among Seat Pleasants Councilmembers Reveral L. Yeargin, serving 20 years and Kelly Porter, serving 20 years, other municipal Councilmembers around the state of Maryland were inducted such as: Suzanne P. Albert, Westminster - 20 years John S. Harshman, Rosemont - 25 years Jerome Klobukowski, Poolesville - 20 years Henry F. Marraffa, Jr., Gaithersburg - 21* years David Preusch, Laytonsville - 22 years Walt Stull, Brunswick - 20 years Richard Sullivan, Brookview - 21 years Joseph Wiles, Rosemont - 20 years

CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT

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Eugene W. Grant

COUNCIL PRESIDENT

Ward III

Reveral L. Yeargin

WARD I COUNCILMEMBER

Lamar Maxwell

WARD IV COUNCILMEMBER

Charl Jones

WARD V COUNCILMEMBER

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Sharron Lipford



Pictured left to right: Corporal M. Loving, Assistant to the Chief Marcus Jones, City Administrator Jeannelle Wallace, Chief of Police Devan A. Martin

PROUDLY SERVING

"A Smart City of Excellence"

The Seat Pleasant Police Department is excited to announce that the Police Chief's Association of Prince George's County recently recognized two of our staff members for their outstanding work performance during 2016.

Police Corporal Marcellus Loving has been designated as the 2016 "Officer of the Year" and is the recipient of the PCAPGC President's Award.

Assistant to the Chief Marcus Jones has been designated as the 2016 "Civilian of the Year".

SPPD IN THE COMMUNITY



LOCK IT OR LOSE IT

REMOVE Your Valuables **LOCK** Your Vehicles

Most vehicle break-ins are crimes of opportunity.

Leaving vehicles unlocked or with valuables in plain sight is an invitation for thieves to steal from you. It's a serious problem with a simple solution.

**CLOSE YOUR WINDOWS, LOCK CAR DOORS &
ALWAYS HIDE YOUR VALUABLES**

Summer Child Safety Tips

**Summer vacation is an exciting time for children to learn, explore, and have fun.
Make this summer great.**

- Rehearse with children their full name, address, and phone number
- Practice making emergency phone calls from home and public phones
- Walk the neighborhood with your children. Show them safe places to go in an emergency, such as a trusted neighbor's house or an open store.
- Check your neighborhood for areas that threaten children's safety such as overgrown shrubbery, vacant lots with debris, dark areas, abandoned buildings, etc.
- Tell children never to accept gifts or rides from someone they don't know well.
- Accompany young children into public restrooms.
- Teach children to go to a store clerk, security guard or police officer and ask for help if you become separated in a store.



Seat Pleasants New Grants Office is Making Major Progress

Last month, the City's Grants office submitted two grants to the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development (MDDHCD). The Community Legacy grant is for \$500,000 to fund affordable housing programs and provide gap financing measures primarily for economic development. The Seat Pleasant City Council voted to allocate \$1.5 million toward the Housing Trust Fund and Revolving Loan Fund for the Fiscal Year 2018 City Budget. This grant would capitalize the program for a total program budget of \$2 million. Community Legacy is a program that assists urban and suburban community and small town leaders that have comprehensive approaches to community reinvestments, economic development and resource conservation.

The City also applied through MDDHCD to the Strategic Demolition Fund. The city has requested \$100,000 for a demolition project along Martin Luther King, Jr. Highway. Acquisitions and demolitions of dilapidated structures along MLK has been going on for several years. This corridor is a HUB Zone, which is a Historically Underutilized Business Zone. In 2009, a feasibility study was done of MLK to determine the highest and best use of mixed-use redevelopment. As a bordering community to the Nation's Capital, the advantages of economic development along the MLK corridor are exceptionally favorable.

Mayor Eugene W. Grant's vision for a Smart City does not just encompass technology; "My vision includes all aspects of a great quality of life; Economic development, training and employment opportunities, affordable housing, better businesses, and neighborhood revitalization."



Independence Day



Independence Day, also referred to as the Fourth of July or July Fourth, is a federal holiday in the United States commemorating the adoption of the Declaration of Independence on July 4, 1776. The Continental Congress declared that the thirteen American colonies regarded themselves as a new nation, the United States of America, and were no longer part of the British Empire. The Congress actually voted to declare independence two days earlier, on July 2.

Independence Day is commonly associated with fireworks, parades, barbecues, carnivals, fairs, picnics, concerts, baseball games, family reunions, and political speeches and ceremonies, in addition to various other public and private events celebrating the history, government, and traditions of the United States. Independence Day is the Na-



The Housing Trust Fund and Revolving Loan Fund

The Economic Development Department is extremely proud to announce the creation of the Seat Pleasant Housing Trust Fund and the Revolving Loan Fund. The Mayor and City Council approved capitalizing this Funds program with \$1.5 million. The program is the first of its kind among Inner Beltway cities, neighborhoods and towns. The purpose of the funds program is to stimulate the redevelopment of the City through better affordable housing and economic development strategies.

These funds are available to Seat Pleasant-based businesses as well as real estate investors and developers who commit to providing affordable housing and community revitalization. The program is also available to start-up companies based in Seat Pleasant to promote city-grown entrepreneurship.

The Seat Pleasant Housing Trust and Revolving Loan Funds will be used to fund housing programs and to provide gap financing for small and minority-owned businesses in Seat Pleasant. The Funds will support the preservation and production of housing within Seat Pleasant. The Revolving Loan Fund, along with the Housing Trust Fund, is a self-replenishing pool of money that will allow for the creation of greater employment opportunities within the City, particularly with our 16% unemployment. The Housing Trust Fund and the Revolving Loan Fund was created to solve the vacant housing and urban blight crisis in the City of Seat Pleasant.

For more information on the Funds and how you can participate, contact the Economic Development Department.

SEAT PLEASANT SMART BUY



**STUDENT LOAN DEBT. .
NO LONGER A BARRIER TO
HOME OWNERSHIP.**



The Seat Pleasant Smart Buy program can help qualified applicants with eligible student debt purchase a home. The program offers highly attractive financing and closing cost assistance for move-in ready homes in a great location. This includes loan forgiveness to eliminate student debt. A portion of the Seat Pleasant Smart Buy mortgage loans provide down payment assistance through the Maryland Mortgage program, a division of the Maryland Department of Housing and Community Development. This is security that only the City's Smart Buy initiative can provide.



- Eliminate student loan debt
- Purchase a move-in-ready home
- One convenient monthly payment
- Get attractive financing and closing cost assistance
- Stream-lined and straight-forward home buying and financing experience

For more information, please visit:

www.seatpleasantmd.gov



Eugene W. Grant,
Mayor



Student loan debt is no longer a barrier to homeownership in the City of Seat Pleasant! The City of Seat Pleasant is proud to introduce the Seat Pleasant SmartBuy Program. This program is an initiative to help qualified applicants with eligible student loan debt purchase a home.

The program offers highly attractive financing and closing cost assistance for move-in ready homes in Seat Pleasant, including loan forgiveness, to eliminate student debt. A portion of the Seat Pleasant SmartBuy mortgage loans provide down payment assistance with the City's partnership with the Maryland Mortgage program.

The City's program will pay off student loan debt while paying your mortgage down with one convenient monthly payment. Homebuyers will receive an overall streamlined home buying and financing experience using preferred lending institutions.

For more information, contact the Department of Public Engagement.

Seat Pleasant -- Tips to Managing Your Credit



Having a good credit score is essential in today's world. A good credit score puts buyers in the best position to secure attractive financing and low interest rates on big purchases such as a house or a new car. Loaning money from a bank at reasonable interest rates is almost impossible if one fails to take proper measures to develop their credit score.

Because of the importance of having a good credit score, the Economic Development Office in Seat Pleasant recommends a list of important tips to ensure your credit is stellar.

Check your credit score at least once a year. Major credit bureaus allow individuals to receive free credit reports. This allows you to correct inaccurate information and understand how lenders view credit applications for lending.

Requesting your credit score, despite popular belief, does not drive down your score.

Seeking to increase your credit score? Improve your credit bill pay history, pay off outstanding debt, and decrease hard inquiries (third party inquiries of your credit score)

Watch out for fraudulent activity. Inaccurate entries or clerical errors can and will affect your credit score. Catching these mistakes before they are too late is key to establishing and maintaining good credit.

Lastly, credit counseling can be free. Beware of companies seeking to charge hundreds of dollars for credit counseling.

For more information, contact the Department of Economic Development.

Stay Hydrated Stay Healthy

Every day you lose water through your breath, perspiration, urine and bowel movements. For your body to function properly, you must replenish its water supply by consuming beverages and foods that contain water.

So how much fluid does the average, healthy adult living in a temperate climate need? The Institute of Medicine determined that an adequate intake (AI) for men is roughly about 13 cups (3 liters) of total beverages a day. The AI for women is about 9 cups (2.2 liters) of total beverages a day.



"SAVE THE DATE"
THE CITY OF SEAT PLEASANT PRESENTS

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—KEVIN DURANT—

DAY


P A R A D E & F E S T I V A L

THURSDAY | AUGUST 17 | 10AM - 4PM

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MAYOR EUGENE W. GRANT, EVENT CHAIR | KEVIN "SILK" BREWER, ENTERTAINMENT CHAIR
SEAT PLEASANT, MD "A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE" | KSB/AMG INTERNATIONAL/DIVINE/SONY

"A SMART CITY OF EXCELLENCE"



Congratulations to Kevin Durant and the NBA team, the Golden State Warriors, on their win for the 2017 NBA Championships! Kevin Durant is the hometown native of Seat Pleasant, Maryland where he honed his skills at the Seat Pleasant Activity Center. Kevin Durant played High School basketball at National Christian Academy, Oak Hill Academy, Montrose Christian School and college basketball at The University of Texas. He entered into the NBA draft in 2007 as a first round draft pick and has played on NBA teams such as the Seattle SuperSonics, Oklahoma City Thunder and most recently the Golden State Warriors. Among Kevins' athletic accomplishments, he has strived to always give back to the community. Kevin Durant Day will be a day that celebrates Kevin Durant and all of his accomplishments.

Habitat for Humanity

Over the past three years, Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland (HFHMM) has been involved in Prince George's County to provide affordable housing solutions for hardworking, low-income families. Their current project is the refurbishing of a foreclosed home nearby in Capitol Heights. After the house had remained vacant for several years, Habitat acquired the property to give it a fresh start for new homeowners. The three-bedroom, one-bath unit needed a lot of work which included a new porch, new insulation, and window replacement. The local Habitat affiliate and their volunteers had a lot of work to do.

Speaking of volunteers, there were over three hundred of them, many of whom joined Habitat for the National Women Build Week event this spring. Dedicating around 2500 hours of their time, they demolished the interior, reframed interior walls, and replaced the flooring. Everything from fences to window trim were painted, and shelves were built. Despite days of hot weather and rain, the hardy volunteers persisted through their build days knowing their efforts would help someone else. But of course it wasn't all about the hard work, as using a jackhammer ultimately led to smiles and photo ops, and painting with friends or co-workers led to a stronger sense of community.

Now that the home is looking much better (and can function more efficiently too), Habitat for Humanity Metro Maryland looks forward to dedicating it sometime in the next couple of months. Residents of Seat Pleasant will be notified when a date is chosen, and are welcome to attend the ceremony to see for themselves what Habitat is all about. As one of several homes completed in Prince George's County, it is both an accomplishment and a sign of things to come. HFHMM will continue to build strength, stability and self-reliance through shelter, and the City of Seat Pleasant is invited to join in the cause of affordable housing to give a hand to more local families. For more information, head to their website at HabitatMM.org.



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SEAT PLEASANT VOLUNTEER FIRE DEPARTMENT	301-336-2331
BATES TRASH	301-773-2069
CITY HALL/CALL-A-BUS	301-336-2600
METRO ACCESS	301-562-5360
PEPCO/OUTAGES & WIRES	202-833-7500/ 877-737-2662
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF AGING	301-265-8450
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY DEPT. OF SOCIAL SERVICES	301-909-7025
PRINCE GEORGE'S COUNTY THE BUS	301-883-5600
WASHINGTON GAS/EMERGENCY	703-750-1000/ 703-
750-1400	
WSSC/EMERGENCY	301-206-9772/ 301-206-4002
SEAT PLEASANT ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	301-925-2330
CARMODY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL	301-808-8180
G. JAMES GHOLSON MIDDLE SCHOOL	301-883-8390
CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL	301-499-7080
FAIRMOUNT HIGH SCHOOL	301-925-1360